

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation. Their decision to force stations to air a "documentary" that is biased is unfair and simply wrong.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Large companies claim to assist Americans with understanding the world; instead, they create a watered down, homogenized version of what they consider news.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Media companies should be erring on the side of responsibility, not of carelessness.

Best Regards,
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